

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) An airbag module (10; 110) for a vehicle occupant restraint system, said airbag module comprising a gas lance (22; 122) that can feed gas from a ~~source of compressed gas~~ generator (40; 140) into an airbag (20; 120), and a housing (12; 112) which accommodates said gas lance, said gas lance (22; 122) having a connection extension (36; 136) for being connected to said ~~source of compressed gas~~ generator (40; 140), wherein said connection extension (36; 136) projects so far out of said housing (12; 112) that said connection extension (36; 136) ~~can penetrate~~ penetrates into said ~~source of compressed gas~~ generator (40; 140) installed outside of said housing thereby fastening said gas lance directly to said gas generator, and wherein said connection extension (36; 136) serves to supply said gas lance (22; 122) with compressed gas from said ~~source of~~ compressed gas generator (40; 140) as well as to mechanically attach said ~~source of~~ compressed gas generator (40; 140) to said airbag module (10; 110).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) The An airbag module (10; 110) according to Claim 1, ~~for a vehicle occupant restraint system, said airbag module comprising a gas lance (22; 122) that can feed gas from a source of compressed gas (40; 140) into an airbag (20; 120), and a housing (12; 112) which accommodates said gas lance, said gas lance (22; 122) having a connection extension (36; 136) for being connected to said source of compressed gas (40; 140), wherein said connection~~

~~extension (36; 136) projects so far out of said housing (12; 112) that said connection extension (36; 136) can penetrate into said source of compressed gas (40; 140) installed outside of said housing and said connection extension (36; 136) serves to supply said gas lance (22; 122) with compressed gas from said source of compressed gas (40; 140) as well as to mechanically attach said source of compressed gas (40; 140) to said airbag module (10; 110), wherein said connection extension (36; 136) projects so far out of said housing (12; 112) that it can penetrate right through said source of compressed gas generator (40; 140) installed outside of said housing.~~

Claim 3 (Previously Presented) An airbag module (10; 110) for a vehicle occupant restraint system, said airbag module comprising a gas lance (22; 122) that can feed gas from a source of compressed gas (40; 140) into an airbag (20; 120), and a housing (12; 112) which accommodates said gas lance, said gas lance (22; 122) having a connection extension (36; 136) for being connected to said source of compressed gas (40; 140), wherein said connection extension (36; 136) projects so far out of said housing (12; 112) that said connection extension (36; 136) can penetrate into said source of compressed gas (40; 140) installed outside of said housing and said connection extension (36; 136) serves to supply said gas lance (22; 122) with compressed gas from said source of compressed gas (40; 140) as well as to mechanically attach said source of compressed gas (40; 140) to said airbag module (10; 110), wherein said connection extension (36; 136) has two ends and is provided with a thread on one of said ends (56; 156) which faces away from said gas lance (22; 122).

Claim 4 (Previously Presented) The airbag module according to claim 1, wherein said gas lance (22; 122) is T-shaped in an area of said connection extension (36; 136).

Claim 5 (Previously Presented) The airbag module according to claim 1, wherein said housing is configured as an extruded profile.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented) The airbag module according to claim 1, wherein said housing (112) is made of plastic.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) The airbag module according to claim 1, wherein said ~~source of compressed gas~~ generator (40; 140) is tubular and has with a longitudinal axis (L) ~~being attached to said airbag module (10; 110)~~, said connection extension (36; 136) penetrating into said ~~source of compressed gas~~ generator crosswise to said longitudinal axis (L).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) The airbag module according to claim 7, wherein said connection extension (36; 136) penetrates said ~~source of compressed gas~~ generator (40; 140) in a middle thereof.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) The airbag module according to claim 1, wherein said housing (12; 112) accommodates said airbag (20; 120) that surrounds said gas lance (22; 122).

Claim 10 (Canceled)

Claim 11 (New) The airbag module according to Claim 1, wherein said gas lance includes an elongated tube extending inside said housing, and wherein said connection extension extends laterally from said elongated tube.